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Senate Bill 938

(Senator Kramer)

Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Montgomery County - Our
House Youth Home**

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2009 for the Board of Directors of Our House Youth Home, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for a new dormitory, as provided in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Extending the deadline would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill would not affect the finances or operations of Montgomery County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$425,000 in matching funds for the construction and capital equipping of a new dormitory at Our House Youth Home in Olney. The grantee must present evidence to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2008 that required matching funds will be provided. The grantee is required to grant and convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust as a condition of award.

Background: Our House is a residential program that teaches carpentry and building trades to at-risk adolescent males referred by the Department of Juvenile Services and local departments of social services. The program is attempting to expand capacity by an additional eight slots by constructing and equipping a dormitory on the current grounds at Mellwood Farm.

Construction of the dormitory will require a special exception to zoning requirements, a process currently underway. The grantee advises that documentation of the required matching fund has been submitted for \$175,000 of the amount authorized in 2006; fundraising efforts will resume for the remainder of the authorization once the exception has been obtained.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1184 (Delegate Heller) – Appropriations.

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